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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A Tradition of Service

DATE: March 15, 2011

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. FO2266256

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: JOSEPH M. GOODEN, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
DEPUTY JAMES AMANN #[redacted]
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

On May 5, 2010, at approximately 1530 hours, Lakewood Station Deputy Jeff Doke, #[redacted] attempted to detain Suspect Manuel Zuniga regarding a felony investigation. However, Suspect Zuniga and another male ran to the back of his home.

A containment of the block was established and an informant told deputies that Suspect Zuniga's brother, Gerardo Zuniga, was the individual who ran with him. The informant further said Gerardo Zuniga had committed a murder in Santa Cruz and that he (Gerardo) had left the murder weapon with him (informant) for safekeeping. It was learned that Suspect Zuniga was on probation with search conditions, and a warrant check revealed Gerardo Zuniga had a "No Bail" warrant in the system for narcotics violations.

Canine Services and Aero Bureau responded to this incident. Canine announcements were broadcast around the contained block by Deputy James Amann. In addition, Sergeant Eric Lindblom played canine announcements directly down Suspect Zuniga's driveway and into the property for more than 15 minutes while they waited for Special Enforcement Detail (S.E.D.) members to arrive. A plan was developed to clear the property with the canine before searching Suspect Zuniga's residence.

Sergeant Lindblom made contact with the [redacted] Witness [redacted] She told him that Suspect Manuel Zuniga lived in the [redacted] duplex with his [redacted] and [redacted] She said none of them were home at the time. She told Sergeant Lindblom that no one should be back there.

Deputy James Amann and his canine, "Rocky," along with his search team began the search. Deputy Amann directed his canine to clear the property. The dog rounded the back corner of the duplex out of sight, approximately 60 feet in front of the search team. The search team followed and cleared the driveway and approached the rear portion of the [redacted] duplex.

As they were clearing the driveway area, they heard screaming coming from a [redacted] at the back of the property. The team moved to the [redacted] Deputy Amann saw Rocky bit a male Hispanic's left forearm. He saw the male, [redacted] was not the wanted suspect and immediately directed Rocky to release his bite. Rocky was in contact with Witness-Injured Party [redacted] for approximately 30 seconds.

Mr. [redacted] stated he lives in the [redacted] He had been sleeping inside listening to music with the [redacted] door barely ajar. He said he woke up when the dog bit his arm and he did not hear the canine announcements.

Sergeant Lindblom re-contacted Witness [redacted] She said forgot to tell him that Witness-Injured Party [redacted] lived in the [redacted] The search continued for Suspect Zuniga. Eventually, Suspect Zuniga surrendered to the search team and was arrested without incident. Gerardo Zuniga was not located.

Mr. [redacted] was treated by paramedics and was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital where he would be admitted and have the wounds cleaned.

On March 3, 2011, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy James Amann, # [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by Deputy Amann in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A Tradition of Service

DATE: March 16, 2011

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. FO2266256

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: MARVIN L. WASHINGTON, CAPTAIN
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS USE OF FORCE**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on May 5, 2010.

The Committee met on March 3, 2011 and consisted of me, Commander Stephen B. Johnson, Custody Operations Division, and Commander Michael J. Rothans, Field Operations Region III. The Committee determined the use of force by Deputy James Amann #[redacted] was within Department policy.

Please advise the Deputy Amann of this finding.

EBS:RSP/rsp

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EXHIBITS

A - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Incident Report under file #010-09409-1352-065 by Deputy James Doke #[redacted] and
B - Supplemental report by Detective [redacted] #[redacted] under file #010-09409-1352-065.
C - Copies of photographs taken of Manual and Gerardo Zuniga from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Regional Identification System.
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L - Mini DVD containing video of dog bite location and (6) photographs.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

None.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 0 1 0 - 0 9 4 0 9 - 1 3 5 2 - 0 6 5 | Date: 5/5/10 | Time: 1700

Location: [redacted] Arline Avenue | City or Station: Hawaiian Gardens

Bureau/Station/Facility: F.O.R. III / LKD | Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒

Type of Force: Significant - Canine Bite (Accidental)

Deputy Injury: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Suspect Injury YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ Call | ☒ Observation | ☐ Detail | ☒ Foot Pursuit | ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Person Notified: Mike Grimaldi | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out: YES ☐ NO ☒

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Amann | First Name: James | Middle Name: J.

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: W | Unit of Assignment: SEB/Canine | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 240K92

Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5' 10" | Weight: 200

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM | ☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: | Height: | Weight:

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☐ Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Lindblom	Eric	R.	Sgt.	YES ☒ NO ☐	YES ☒ NO ☐
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Vera	Eliezer	nmn

Eliezer Vera
Watch Commander (**Print Name**) | Watch Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

Dinah L. Grote
Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) | [redacted] Emp #: | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Marvin L. Washington
Unit Commander (**Print Name**) | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B. [redacted]
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph.	Home Ph. [redacted]
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph.	Home Ph. [redacted]
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
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Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph.	Home Ph. [redacted]
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
[redacted]	S	Amann	E	RS, UC	NN	
Amann	E	[redacted]	S	CN	DB,FR,PW,SD	AR

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
USE OF FORCE - CANINE BITE (ACCIDENTAL)
IAB #FO2266256

FILE#: 010-09409-1352-065

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, @ 1700 hours

LOCATION: [redacted] Arline Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, CA. , 90716

WITNESS INJURED PARTY: [redacted] MH/42, DOB: [redacted]

INVOLVED PERSONNEL: Deputy James Amann, #[redacted] PM's, Unit 240K92

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators did not respond to this incident due to Canine Services was handling this use of force. Once it was learned that Witness-Injured Party, [redacted] was hospitalized, requiring surgery, Internal Affairs Bureau assumed the handle on the force review two days later.

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 2036 hours, Lakewood Station Deputy Jeff Doke #[redacted] wrote an incident report naming Manuel Zuniga, a known Hawaiian Gardens gang member, as a suspect in unlawful sexual intercourse crime, Penal Code, 261.5 (c).

On May 3, 2010, Detective Steve French from the Special Victim's Bureau interviewed the victim and confirmed Manuel Zuniga was the suspect. He contacted Deputy Doke to effect the arrest. On May 5, 2010, at approximately 1530 hours, Deputy Doke drove by the suspect's house and saw him out front. Deputy Doke attempted to detain Suspect Zuniga, however, Suspect Zuniga and another male ran east to the back of the property. For further, refer to the criminal and supplemental reports presented as ***Exhibits A and B***.

An area containment of the block was established and an informant told deputies that Suspect Manuel Zuniga's brother, Gerardo Zuniga, was the individual who ran with him. The informant further said Gerardo Zuniga had committed a murder in Santa Cruz and that he (Gerardo) had left the murder weapon with him (informant) for safekeeping. It was

learned that Suspect Zuniga was on probation with search conditions, and a warrant check revealed Gerardo Zuniga had a "No Bail" warrant in the system for narcotics violations.

Canine Services and Aero Bureau responded to this incident. Canine announcements were broadcast around the contained block by Deputy James Amann. In addition, Sergeant Eric Lindblom played canine announcements directly down Suspect Zuniga's driveway and into the property for more than 15 minutes while they waited for Special Enforcement Detail (S.E.D.) members to arrive. A tactical plan was developed to clear the property with the canine before searching Suspect Zuniga's residence which was the back duplex on the property.

Sergeant Lindblom made contact with the [redacted] Witness [redacted] She told him that Suspect Manuel Zuniga lived in the [redacted] duplex with his [redacted] and [redacted] She said none of them were home at the time, and she had seen the [redacted] leave the property and walk out to the street. Suspect Zuniga's [redacted] and [redacted] were outside the containment and could not get back in. She told Sergeant Lindblom that no one should be back there.

Deputy James Amann and his canine, "Rocky," along with his search team began the search. From the front gate, Deputy Amann directed his canine to clear the property. The dog went down the long driveway and rounded the back corner of the duplex out of sight, approximately 60 feet in front of the search team. The search team followed and cleared the driveway and approached the rear portion of the [redacted] duplex.

As they were clearing the driveway area, they heard yelling and screaming coming from a [redacted] at the back of the property. After tactically clearing the patio area, the team moved up to the [redacted] Deputy Amann saw his canine had set a bite on a male Hispanic's left forearm. He saw the male, later identified as Witness-Injured Party [redacted] was not the wanted suspect, so he immediately directed Rocky to release his bite. Rocky was in contact with Witness-Injured Party [redacted] for approximately 30 seconds.

Witness-Injured Party [redacted] stated he lives in the [redacted] with another male. The [redacted] has a set of bunk beds in it. He had been sleeping inside listening to music with the [redacted] door barely ajar. He said he woke up when the dog bit his arm and he did not hear the canine announcements.

Sergeant Lindblom re-contacted Witness [redacted] She said she had forgotten to tell him that Witness-Injured Party [redacted] lived in the [redacted] The search continued for Suspect Zuniga. The entire block was cleared and information was obtained that Suspect Zuniga was inside his [redacted] house which was located several houses north of his. Canine announcements were made directly into that property. Suspect Zuniga surrendered to the search team and was arrested without incident. His brother, Gerardo Zuniga, was not located.

Mr. [redacted] was treated by Paramedics from Engine Company 34 under the direction of Captain Hosch, and he was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital where he was treated for a canine tear and canine puncture wounds to his left forearm by Emergency Room Doctor Pete Delfin. Doctor Delfin stated Mr. [redacted] had a small fracture and that he would need to have surgery to clean out the injured area. He advised Mr. [redacted] would be admitted and have either the wounds cleaned out that night or the next morning. Civil Litigation Lieutenant Scott Johnson # [redacted] was notified of the incident.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

AMANN, James I.
Deputy Sheriff, Employee # [redacted]
Office of Homeland Security/SEB/Canine Services Detail

Work History:

Date of Employment: 05/11/2000
Date assigned to Unit: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

EMPLOYEE WITNESS:

LINDBLOM, Eric R., # [redacted] Sergeant
Office of Homeland Security/SEB/Canine Services Detail

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS:

[redacted] MH/42, DOB: [redacted]

[redacted] Female/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] Male/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] Male/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] Male/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] Female/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] Male/Adult
[redacted]

SUSPECT INFORMATION:
None associated to the dog bite.

INJURIES:
There was no injury to Department personnel.

Witness [redacted] sustained a canine tear, canine puncture wounds, and a small fracture to his left forearm. For further regarding his injuries, refer to the (2) photographs taken of Mr. [redacted] bandaged left arm in ***Exhibit K***.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:
Nothing notable to the canine bite.

INVESTIGATORS' OBSERVATIONS:
Investigators did not respond to this incident due to Canine Services was handling this use of force. Once it was learned Witness-Injured Party [redacted] was hospitalized, requiring surgery, Internal Affairs Bureau assumed the handle on the force review two days later. For additional scene information, refer to the DVD presented in ***Exhibit L***.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:
Deputy Amann directed his canine, Rocky, to locate the outstanding suspect. Rocky set his bite on Mr. [redacted] left arm for approximately 30 seconds.

WEAPONS USED BY THE SUSPECT:
Not applicable.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:
There was no property damage in this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES:

Court:	None.
Charges Filed:	None.
D.A. Case Number:	None.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:
This incident occurred in the late afternoon on a cool, clear day. The shed door was slightly ajar, supplying low interior lighting.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:
Deputy James Amann *was interviewed on September 7, 2010, at 1405 hours, by IAB Sergeant Dinah Grote, at the IAB Commerce office. He declined representation during the interview. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio taped interviews in the IAB audio files and/or the verbatim transcripts listed under the* ***Transcribed Interviews*** *section in the case book.*

Deputy Amann has been a canine handler for approximately two months prior to this incident. He said that he and his police service dog, Rocky, responded to the City of Hawaiian Gardens regarding a wanted felony suspect who fled on foot from deputy personnel. For further, refer to the criminal and supplemental reports presented as ***Exhibits A and B***.

Upon arriving at the Command Post, Deputy Amann learned the suspect (Manuel Zuniga) is a known local area gang member who was wanted for a serious felony and he was on probation with search conditions. The suspect, along with another male, fled on foot from deputy personnel and was believed to be located at his residence, which is a duplex located on the [redacted] of the property at the location.

While waiting for assisting canine units to arrive, it was learned the male that ran with Suspect Manuel Zuniga, was his brother, Gerardo Zuniga. Gerardo is also a known gang member who had a confirmed "no bail" narcotics warrant in the system and that he (Gerardo) had possibly committed murder in another county. A picture of Suspect Manuel Zuniga and his brother, Gerardo, were provided prior to the canine search. For further, refer to the Los Angeles County Identification System (LACRIS) photographs of the Zuniga brothers provided in ***Exhibit C***.

Deputy Amann played his prerecorded English and Spanish canine announcements from his vehicle's public address system (PA) as he drove slowly around the block for more than 15 minutes while Sergeant Lindblom played the announcements down the driveway to the suspect's residence (location).

He stated a tactical plan was developed to clear the exterior property area prior to clearing the front and rear duplexes. Sergeant Lindblom told him that all the occupants of the [redacted] duplex were accounted for and that no one else should be on the property. Deputy Amann then directed Rocky to clear the property starting from the front gate of the driveway toward the back yard. Deputy Amann, Sergeant Lindblom, and two other canine deputies watched Rocky as he cleared the driveway, not alerting on anything.

Deputy Amann directed Rocky to continue searching the backyard area as Rocky rounded the rear corner of the [redacted] duplex. Deputy Amann lost sight of Rocky for approximately 60 seconds while the team continued to clear the parked vehicles at the end of the driveway.

Seconds later, Deputy Amann heard yelling and screaming coming from a [redacted] located to the rear portion of the [redacted] duplex. Cautiously and tactically, the team cleared the patio area and approached the [redacted] Looking inside the partially opened [redacted] door, Deputy Amann saw Rocky had set a bite on a male Hispanic's left forearm. The male was on the bottom bunk bed. Realizing the male was not the wanted suspect (Manuel Zuniga), Deputy Amann directed Rocky to release his bite on the male (Witness-Injured Party [redacted]).

Deputy Amann said Mr. [redacted] was treated by paramedics, then transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital as he and the team continued their search for the suspect. After the block was cleared, information was obtained that indicated Suspect Manuel Zuniga was located at his [redacted] house several properties north of their location. Going to that location, Deputy Amann played the canine announcements directly into that property. Shortly thereafter, Suspect Manuel Zuniga surrendered to the search team and was taken into custody without incident. For further, refer to Zuniga's arrest in the supplemental report by Deputy Doke (***Exhibit F)***, a copy of Zuniga's booking record (***Exhibit G)***, and the Felony Complaint Filing (***Exhibit H)***.

During the exterior search, Deputy Amann stated that although he heard yelling coming from the shed and believed Rocky had located the suspect, the team still needed to safely clear the patio area for additional suspects prior to getting to the shed. Deputy Amann estimated Rocky was in contact with Mr. [redacted] for approximately 30 seconds before Deputy Amann directed him to release his bite.

For further, refer to Deputy Amann's supplemental report presented as ***Exhibit D***, and his training records, presented as ***Exhibit E***.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS:

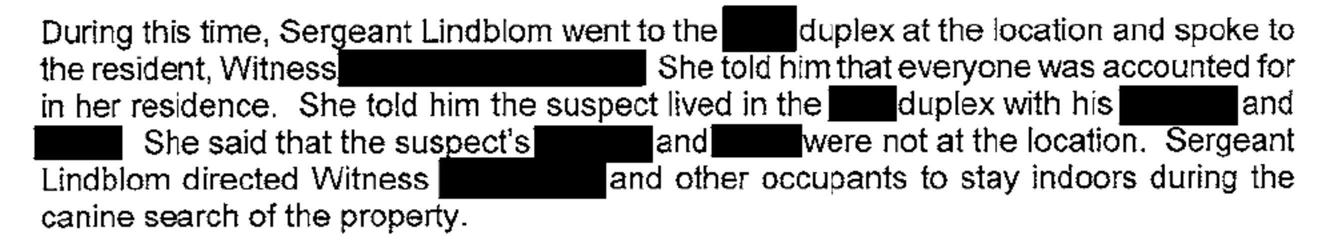
***Sergeant Eric Lindblom** was interviewed on November 4, 2010, at 1057 hours, by IAB Sergeant Dinah Grote, at the IAB Commerce office. He declined representation during the interview. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio taped interviews in the IAB audio files and/or the verbatim transcripts listed under the **Transcribed Interviews** section in the case book.*

Sergeant Lindblom stated Canine Services was requested by Lakewood Sheriff's Station to search for felony suspect who was believed to be within the containment are in the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

Upon arrival at the Command Post, Sergeant Lindblom was briefed on the facts. He learned Deputy Jeff Doke, a patrol deputy assigned to Lakewood Station, recognized a felony suspect (Manuel Zuniga) and attempted to detain him, but the suspect ran from him. Deputy Doke immediately set up an area containment for the suspect and requested Aero Bureau. The suspect, a known gang member, was wanted for a felony charge of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, and he was on probation with search conditions. Also, it was learned that Suspect Zuniga ran away with another male, who was later identified as his brother, Gerardo Zuniga. A warrant check of Gerardo showed he had an outstanding "no bail" narcotics warrant in the system. Information was developed through an informant that Gerardo was involved in a murder which occurred in the Santa Cruz area. The informant said Gerardo gave him the murder weapon to hold.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant Lindblom stated investigators made attempts to contact Santa Cruz Police Department. However, there was no confirmation of a murder involving Gerardo prior or even after the canine search.

Sergeant Lindblom stated information was developed indicating the suspect, who lived in the [redacted] duplex of the location, was possibly at his residence. He said he and Lieutenant Eli Vera approved the deployment of the canine for the search. While waiting for additional canine units to assist in the search, Deputy Amann drove around the block in his patrol unit playing the prerecorded English and Spanish canine announcements. With his vehicle parked on the street in front of the residence, Sergeant Lindblom played the canine announcements into the driveway at the residence. He said the announcements played for approximately 15 to 20 minutes.



During this time, Sergeant Lindblom went to the [redacted] duplex at the location and spoke to the resident, Witness [redacted] She told him that everyone was accounted for in her residence. She told him the suspect lived in the [redacted] duplex with his [redacted] and [redacted] She said that the suspect's [redacted] and [redacted] were not at the location. Sergeant Lindblom directed Witness [redacted] and other occupants to stay indoors during the canine search of the property.

When the other team members arrived, the search team was briefed on the above facts and provided a photograph of the wanted suspect, as well as a photograph of his brother, Gerardo. He said the plan was to search the property first, then conduct a probation search of Suspect Manuel Zuniga's residence, the rear duplex. And if needed, possibly bring in another canine to search the block. Refer to ***Exhibit C***, for the photographs used during the search.

Sergeant Lindblom stated the canine was released and went down the driveway and angled off the rear corner of the [redacted] duplex, out of sight. He said as the team followed behind the canine and approached the rear corner of the [redacted] duplex, the area opened up to a patio area and he heard yelling coming from an open shed located to the rear of the [redacted] duplex. After clearing the patio area and upon getting to the [redacted] Sergeant Lindblom saw the canine biting an older male who was on a bunk bed. Deputy Amann called his canine off the male, Witness-Injured Party [redacted]

Sergeant Lindblom said Witness [redacted] was bleeding significantly from his left arm with a canine bite at the elbow area. He requested paramedics to respond while the team members continued to clear the property. Through a Spanish interpreter, Sergeant Lindblom interviewed Witness [redacted] He told Sergeant Lindblom that he did not hear any canine announcements because he was asleep and listening to his music.

Witness [redacted] was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. When Sergeant Lindblom arrived at the hospital, he was told Witness [redacted] had sustained a fracture to his left arm, and would require surgery either that night or the next day to clean out the canine wounds. He said Witness [redacted] was given morphine and was unable to converse. Sergeant Lindblom was unable to photograph Witness [redacted] injuries as it had been heavily bandaged and hospital staff recommended that it not be opened.

Sergeant Lindblom stated he re-contacted Witness [redacted] She stated she had forgotten about him and that he lived in the shed. Sergeant Lindblom stated when Mr. [redacted] yelled and screamed, it took 15-20 seconds to safely get to the shed where Deputy Amann ordered his canine off his bite.

For further, refer to Sergeant Lindblom's memo documenting his witness interviews (***Exhibit I***), CD containing the audio witness interviews (***Exhibit J***), CD containing an audio interview of Witness-Injured Party [redacted] and (2) photographs (***Exhibit K***), and mini DVD containing video of the canine bite location and (6) photographs (***Exhibit L***).

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENT:
After the incident, Witness-Injured Party [redacted] *was interviewed by Canine Sergeant Eric Lindblom. Precise wording of the interview may be obtained by reviewing IAB's audio files and/or his transcripts provided in the* ***Transcriptions*** *section, or the CD provided in* ***Exhibit K****. Below is a summary of his statements provided to Sergeant Lindblom in* ***Exhibit I****.*

Witness-Injured party [redacted] stated he lives in the [redacted] with another male. He stated he did not hear any canine announcements because he was sleeping and listening to the radio.

The below witnesses were interviewed and their statements summarized by Sergeant Lindblom, in ***Exhibit I****. Precise wording of the interview may be obtained by reviewing the IAB's audio files or the CD, listed in* ***Exhibit J****, of the case book. Below is a summary of their statements.*

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] all said they heard the canine announcements being played in English and Spanish prior to the canine's deployment.

SUSPECT'S STATEMENT:
None.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:
None.